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GROWTH OF SOFTWARE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the value of software export during the year 2003-2004;

(b) the number of persons working in the IT industry at present;

(c) whether the said industry is earning the maximum revenue presently; and

(d) the projected growth rate of this industry in the ensuing years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): The value of exports of Software & Services, including IT enabled Services, during the year 2003-04 is estimated at Rs.58000 crore (US$ 12.5 billion)

(b): It is estimated that about 8 lakh persons are working in this industry at present.

(c): The Software & Services sector is one of the top export revenue earning sectors of the Indian economy.

(d): This industry is projected to grow at the rate of 30 to 32 percent per annum in the next few years.